Delhi has been received. Under the circumstances, the veracity of the newsreport could not be established.

Opening of Unani Dispensary at Bangalore

907. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the CGHS beneficiaries from Bangalore; for opening of Unani dispensary at Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request received from the CGHS beneficiaries of Bangalore for setting up a new Unani dispensary at Bangalore has been referred to the Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committee, Bangalore for their views/recommendations which will be examined by the Government subject to the availabiliy of funds.

Opening of Dispensaries in I. S. M.

908. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criteria for opening a new I.S.M. dispensary under CGHS;

(b) whether the dispensaries are opened on public/beneficiaries demand;

(c) the number of dispensaries of I.S.M. opened during the Seventh five year plan, in each system of I.S.M.; and

(d) the number of new dispensaries of I.S.M. in each system proposed to be opened during the Eighth five year plan ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) ISM dispensaries are opened under CGHS on the demand from the CGHS beneficiaries, the recommendation of the Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committee and the assessment of need.

(c) During the Seventh Five Year Plan, Two Ayurvedic, Two Homoeopathic and Two Unani Units were set up under CGHS.

(d) The opening of new I.S.M. dispensaries under CGHS in the Eigth Five Year Plan would depend upon the availability of funds during the plan period, demands from beneficiaries and Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committee and the assessment of needs.

Opening of Unani Dispensaries

909. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that number of Unani dispensaries under CGHS is very small as compared to other systems;

(b) whether Government propose to open Unani dispensaries in the cities where there are other system dispensaries already available; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Blood Banks

910. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has decided to set up a panel of doctors to conduct surprise check on Blood Banks in Government Hospitals and Private Clinics to detect AIDS affected blood stored there; and

(b) whether Government has any proposal to direct the State Governments to set up panel of doctors to keep check on blood banks.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A committee appointed by the Delhi Administration recently, has *inter-alia* recommended that a committee with a team of experts should be appointed to monitor the working of the Blood Banks and Laboratories periodically.

(b) All Blood Banks whether in the Government or private sector, have to be licenced by the respective Drug Control Administration after inspection by the State. However, Drugs Controller (India) has advised State Drug Controllers to inspect Blood Banks alongwith officials of the Drug Control Organisation and Blood Bank experts as far as possible.

Hospitals/Beds in the Country

911. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals per 1000 Sq. Km. of area and hospitals/beds per lakh persons Statewise during 1980 and 1990;

(b) what is the number of villages still without primary health centres Statewise; and

(c) the steps taken to provide basic health facilities to rural masses?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Information is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 17].

(b) and (c) The facilities of primary health care are available to all the 588651 inhabited villages in the country through the net-work of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres.

Formation of Council for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapits

912. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 677 Given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Law has suggested that the proposed legislation can be brought without prior consultation with State Governments;

(b) whether Government have accepted the advice of the Ministry of Law;

(c) if so, by when a legislation is proposed to be brought; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government are in the process of obtaining comments of various Ministries on the proposed legislation. The enactment of the proposed legislation may take a year or so.

Commercialisation of Blood

913. SHRI J. S. RAJU:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring a legislation for banning commercialisation of blood;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is at present no proposal to bring a legislation for banning of blood collection by commercial blood banks.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.